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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eloise Page
Chairman, Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

FROM: James H. Taylor
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SUBJECT: CIA Non-Concurrence on the CIPC CBW Report

1. The CIA does not concur with the CIPC CBW Report as written. The CIA objects to the recommendation to create a CIPC CBW Subcommittee to perform what should be the job of an NFIB-based production committee. We think it is inappropriate to house such a production committee in the IC Staff.

2. The CIA believes that an NIO-sponsored committee (the Alternative Recommendation on page 6 of the Working Group's final report) is the best way to establish effective Community CBW leadership and coordination. If the CIPC retains its recommendation for the creation of a CIPC CBW Subcommittee in the study submitted to the NFIC, the CIA will want a footnote added to indicate CIA's non-concurrence and to clarify the CIA's belief that an NIO-sponsored committee is a better alternative.

3. In addition to this major objection, we also note two inconsistencies in the text of the remaining recommendations. These should be corrected.

i. The first synopsis on page vi incorrectly states the content of the domestic collection recommendation. The recommendation, as stated in full on page 11, simply calls for appropriate DOD and CIA components to determine the adequacy of the resources they have applied to the CBW problem. The synopsis incorrectly implies that these components are directed to increase resources.

ii. The last sentence on page 28 is logically inconsistent. To be useful to DOD, the database does not need to be implemented on all Community main-frames, but only on those at DOD organizations. The point to be made here is that the CIA database could be used as a model database, so that other databases would have sufficient commonality to permit easy electronic sharing of data. We suggest this last sentence be reworded as follows:

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"When fully implemented, the CIA database could serve as a model to develop databases for DOD main-frame computers that were sufficiently similar in design that data could be shared electronically."

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